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SUBJECT: FERROCHROMIUM EXPORTS TO US

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1. NEW TREASURY REGULATIONS DO NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRE CERTIFICATION FOR FERROCHROMIUM PRODUCED IN SOUTH AFRICA FROM SOUTH AFRICAN ORE. SUCH FERROCHROMIUM CAN BE ADMITTED TO UNITED STATES UNDER NORMAL ENTRY PROCEDURES. UPON ARRIVAL, CUSTOMS WILL TAKE SAMPLES OF FERROCHROMIUM AND SEND SAMPLES TO CUSTOMS' LABORATORY FOR TESTING.

2. NORMAL CHROMIUM CONTENT FOR GENUINE SOUTH AFRICAN
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FERROCHROMIUM IS ABOUT 55 , WHEREAS FERROCHROME MADE FROM HIGH-GRADE RHODESIAN ORE IS IN THE 68 -72 RANGE. WE WILL PASS ANY FERROCHROME FROM SOUTH AFRICA WITH LESS THAN 60 CHROME CONTENT.

3. WE RECOGNIZE TECHNICAL POSSIBILITY THAT SOUTH AFRICAN REFINERIES MIGHT BLEND RHODESIAN ORE WITH SOUTH

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AFRICAN ORE TO PRODUCE FERROCHROME WITH LESS THAN 60 CHROME CONTENT. THIS MAY NOT BE ECONOMICALLY SENSIBLE FOR SOUTH AFRICA, SINCE IT MAY JEOPARDIZE THEIR MARKETS.

HOPEFULLY, SOUTH AFRICAN REFINERIES WILL VOLUNTARILY REFRAIN FROM SUCH BLENDING PROCEDURES. IF WE FIND THAT THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE BLENDING IS OCCURRING, ADDITIONAL CONTROLS MAY BE IMPOSED TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM.

4. TREASURY OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL INFORMED SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION ON APRIL 27.
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